

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SITUATION REPORT  
 MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2003 – 1000 MST  
 NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS LEVEL 2**

**CURRENT SITUATION:**

Initial attack activity was light nationally, with 74 new fires reported March 14th through March 16th. Three new large fires were reported in the Southern Area. Two large fires were contained in the Southern Area. Very High fire indices were reported in Arizona.

COLUMBIA RESPONSE, Federal Emergency Management Agency. A FEMA Emergency Operations Center has been established in Lufkin, Texas. Four Type 1 Incident Management Teams (Lohrey, Oltrogge, Anderson and Ferguson) are assigned in Corsicana, Hemphill, Palestine and Nacogdoches, Texas. One Type 2 Incident Management Teams (Hildreth) is assigned in Longview, Texas. Forty-eight agencies are cooperating in the search and collection of shuttle materials.

NEWCASTLE, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA. State and Federal personnel have been mobilized in response to the outbreak of the Exotic Newcastle Disease. They are working in support of the USDA APHIS operation under a Unified Command. Support operations are being conducted in Arizona, California, and Nevada.

**SOUTHERN AREA LARGE FIRES:**

JANUARY HOLLOW FIRE, Oklahoma Division of Forestry. This fire is near Colcord, OK and is burning in a mix of pine and hardwoods. Wind gusts of 25 miles per hour were observed with temperatures in the mid 70's.

INCIDENT NAME	ST	UNIT	SIZE	% CTN	EST CTN	TOTL PERS	CRW	ENG	HELI	STRC LOST	\$\$\$ CTD
JANUARY HOLLOW FIRE	OK	NEU	160	72	03/17	11	0	4	0	0	NR
NO SUPPORT	OK	OKS	100	100	03/16	4	0	2	0	0	NR
HIGHBRIDGE MOUNTAIN	OK	OKS	220	100	03/16		0	3	1	0	NR

OKS = Oklahoma Division of Forestry

## OUTLOOK:

A chance of thunderstorms across all of north Texas this afternoon, as a dryline approaches the area from the west. Low relative humidity values and gusty southwest winds can be expected for areas that are west of the dryline. Storms will end on Tuesday evening with dry weather expected through the end of the week.



[www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index\\_j.asp](http://www.nifc.gov/sixminutes/index_j.asp)

## LOOKOUTS

Lookouts are often better situated to notice the cumulative changes of fire behavior.

● Fire Order #8 says, "Establish lookouts in potentially hazardous situations." Should you utilize lookouts at all times?

- Lookouts should be posted at all times.

● What are you looking for when you are selecting a lookout location?

- Choose a good vantage point, preferably with a good overview of the entire area where firefighters are located, including escape routes and safety zones.
- Utilize aircraft, but have an alternative on the ground.

● What are the desired qualities, capabilities, knowledge, and responsibilities of a lookout person?

- Experienced firefighter.
- Solid knowledge of fire behavior and ability to recognize and monitor other environmental hazards.
- Good communicator--keeps the crew advised of fire behavior changes, tracks weather trends and relays the information, informs crew of work progress and updates from the latest strategy and tactical briefings.
- Monitors and accounts for all individuals within his/her assigned area at all times, and will notify others if breaks are needed.

● What is the necessary equipment for a lookout?

- PPE, radio with extra batteries, compass, binoculars, belt weather kit, IAP, map, food, and water.

**FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 14 - MARCH 16:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES						3	3
	ACRES						0	0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES					8		8
	ACRES					2		2
Rocky Mountain	FIRES					4		4
	ACRES					101		101
Eastern Area	FIRES						1	1
	ACRES						1	1
Southern Area	FIRES					56	2	58
	ACRES					782	90	872
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	68	6	74
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	885	91	976

**FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	1						1
	ACRES	0						0
Northern California	FIRES				3	45	6	54
	ACRES				2,165	10	2	2,177
Southern California	FIRES	1	4			151	38	194
	ACRES	0	1			20	12	33
Northern Rockies	FIRES					1		1
	ACRES					29		29
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			1		3
	ACRES		0			0		0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	8	8	1		55	31	103
	ACRES	25	605	200		352	31	1,213
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	3		1	6	3	17
	ACRES	9	0		200	121	15	345
Eastern Area	FIRES	4			2	154	39	199
	ACRES	12			1	2,028	555	2,596
Southern Area	FIRES	56		5	3	4,690	123	4,877
	ACRES	6,881		755	530	49,279	3,055	60,500
TOTAL	FIRES	74	17	6	9	5,103	240	5,449
	ACRES	6,927	606	955	2,896	51,839	3,670	66,893
<b>Eight Year Average Fires</b>								<b>11,487</b>
<b>Eight Year Average Acres</b>								<b>224,917</b>

\*\*\*Averages are computed from data reported to NICC during the first reporting period in March\*\*\*

and

\*\*\*Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments\*\*\*

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES MARCH 14 – MARCH 16:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				2			2
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES				1			1
	ACRES				238			238
Southern Area	FIRES	4			4	14	28	50
	ACRES	360			10,947	5,309	31,891	48,507
TOTAL	FIRES	4	0	0	6	14	28	52
	ACRES	360	0	0	11,187	5,309	31,891	48,747

**PRESCRIBED FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES	3	58	2			38	101
	ACRES	4	3,356	725			1,241	5,326
Northern California	FIRES	1	7	3	6		36	53
	ACRES	31	101	5,147	495		2,936	8,710
Southern California	FIRES		1		1		54	56
	ACRES		5		2		5,433	5,440
Northern Rockies	FIRES		1				2	3
	ACRES		13				118	131
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES		2			4		6
	ACRES		4			121		125
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES	3	2	1	1		149	156
	ACRES	460	197	550	1,000		4,871	7,078
Rocky Mountain	FIRES	4	2	4	5	2	14	31
	ACRES	145	110	125	349	39	566	1,334
Eastern Area	FIRES				1	2	38	41
	ACRES				238	1,200	2,606	4,044
Southern Area	FIRES	27		134	16	5,577	638	6,392
	ACRES	5,122		44,898	31,439	339,097	508,569	929,125
TOTAL	FIRES	38	73	144	30	5,585	969	6,839
	ACRES	5,762	3,786	51,445	33,523	340,457	526,340	961,313

\*\*\* Changes in some agency YTD acres reflect more accurate mapping or reporting adjustments. \*\*\*

**WFU FIRES AND ACRES YEAR-TO-DATE:**

AREA		BIA	BLM	FWS	NPS	ST/OT	USFS	TOTAL
Alaska	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern California	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Northern Rockies	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Western Great Basin	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southwest	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Rocky Mountain	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Eastern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
Southern Area	FIRES							0
	ACRES							0
TOTAL	FIRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	ACRES	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**RESOURCES STATUS: COMMITTED RESOURCES**

AREA	CREWS FED	CREWS ST/OT	ENGS FED	ENGS ST/OT	HELI FED	HELI ST/OT	AIRT FED	AIRT ST/OT	OVRHD FED	OVRHD ST/OT
Alaska										
Northwest										
Northern California										
Southern California									23	297
Northern Rockies										
Eastern Great Basin										
Western Great Basin									7	73
Southwest									5	
Rocky Mountain										
Eastern Area									30	1
Southern Area	120	41		9		1			489	1680
Total	120	41	0	9	0	1	0	0	554	2051

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